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Memoriae Gratae is a good and effective yearbook. Perhaps receipts and expenditures could not be forecast in time to permit enlargements and improvements. Your profit of $199 is too much to make on a $133 book.

The annual needs first a title page, with its necessary data. In the administrative section you should have carried necessary pictures of your principal, sponsor, and faculty. I doubt the value of wills, prophecies, and valedictories which are prepared to be spoken and not to be read. Some of your pictures are of fair quality, others are poor; and never use a poor snapshot on a page of otherwise good ones.

I am not suggesting that you try to publish a letterpress annual, but I think that you should try to make full use of the medium which you use. Study carefully the best yearbooks in all groups, take from them ideas which you can make your own, and try to make Memoriae Gratae a comprehensive, lively annual, with individuality.

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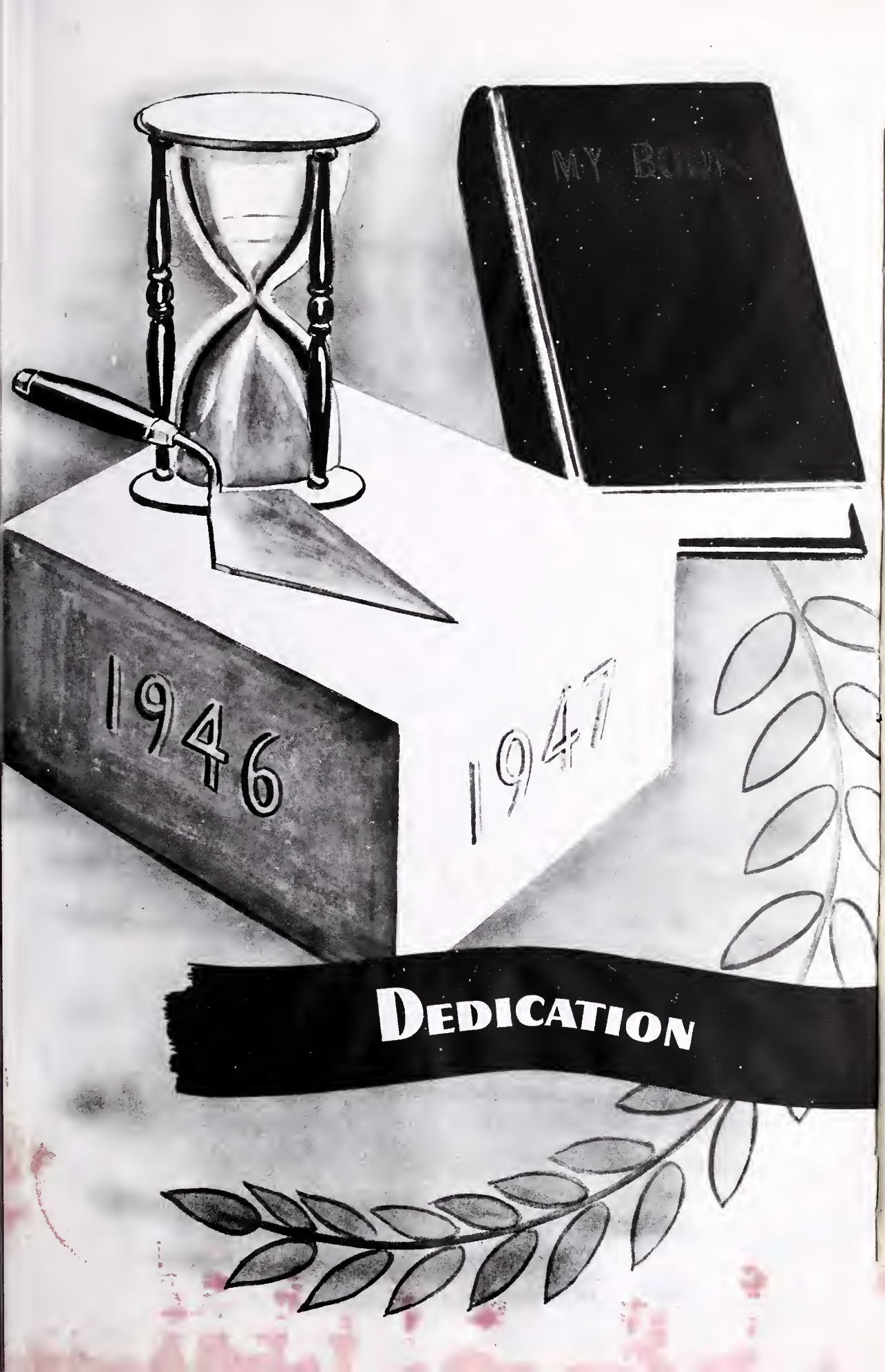

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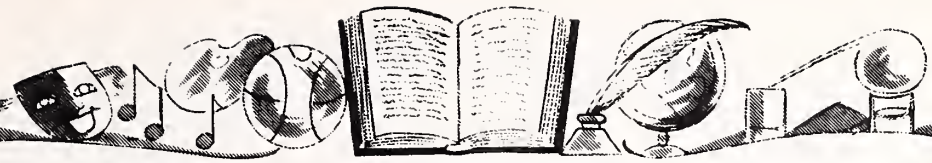

DEDICATION

We, the Senior Class of 1947, dedicate this copy of "Memoriae Gratiae" to those students of Brookneal High School who made the supreme sacrifice in World War II, whose memory we keep with us in reverence and in honor as a constant inspiration for the future to keep the peace for which they fought and gave their lives.

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Maxwell Baily
Royal Daniel
Frank Elder
John Conway Guthrie
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James Wiley Pool
Ellis Henry Stevens

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Mrs. Celene H. Gardner
Mrs. Dorothy R. Fore
Mrs. Myrtle S. Straw
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Mrs. Ida M. Arthur
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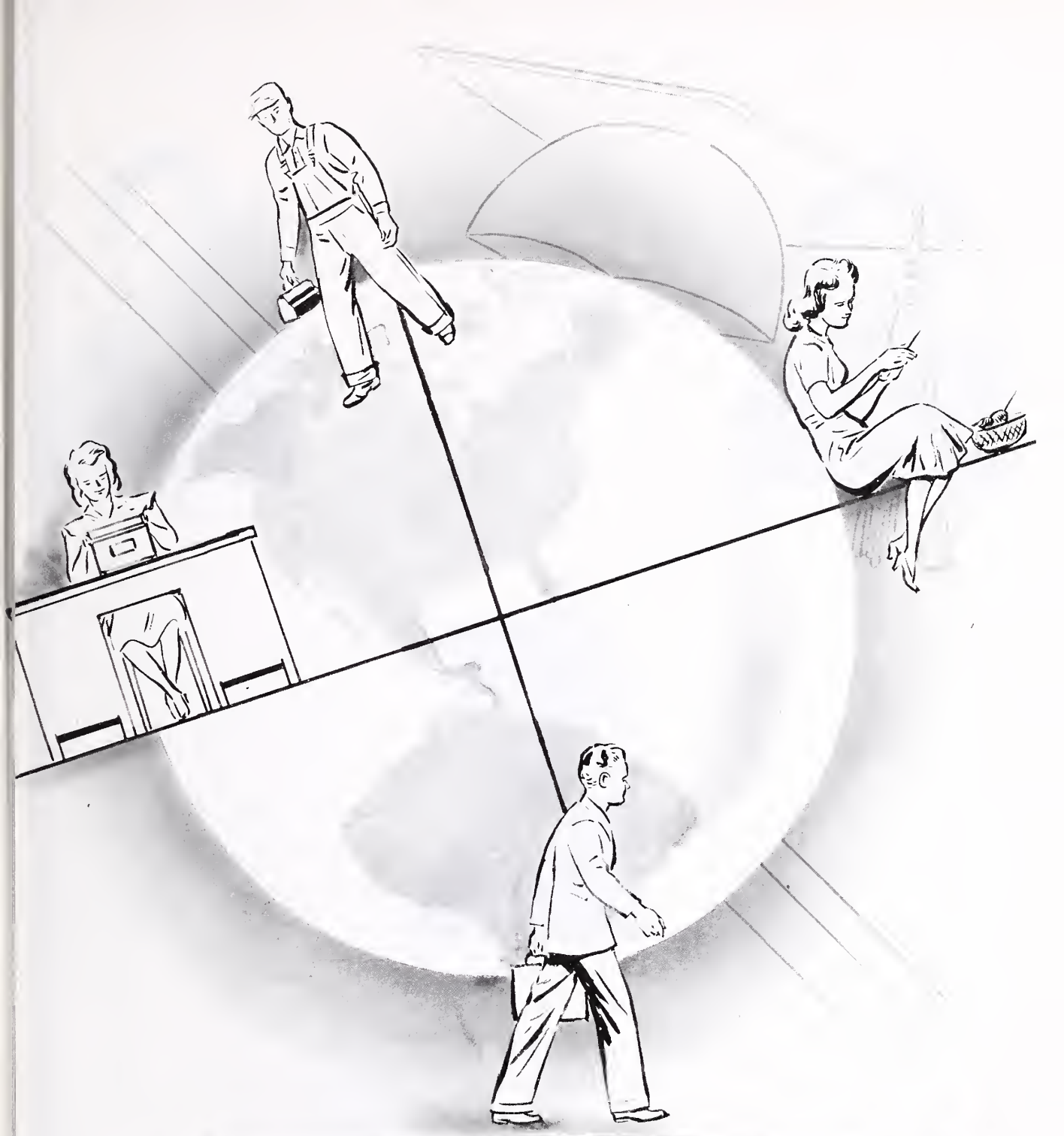

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(Billy)

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Beta Club
President of S. C. A. '46
Drum and Bugle Corps '44 - '47
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Manager of Baseball Team '45
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Basketball '43 - '47
Basketball Captain '46
President Beta Club
Editor of Annual
Drum and Bugle Corps '44 - '45
Executive Committee S. C. A '46
Safety Patrolman

Salutatorian
Sports Editor Annual
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Beta Club
Class Reporter '45

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(Zeb)

Carey Maxwell Pillow
(Casey)

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Sgt. at Arms S. C. A. '46
Sentinel F. F. A. '46
Lt. Safety Patrol '46
Basketball '46
Circulation Manager Annual

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Class '46
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Majorette Drum and
Bugle Corps '44'46
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Shirley Grey Bigger
(Speedy Red)

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Class President '44
Beta Club
Safety Patrolman
Associate Editor Annual
Basketball '43 - '47
Drum and Bugle Corps '44 '45
Volley Ball '45

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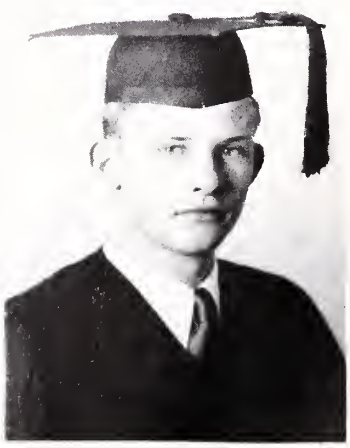

Roy Carl Daniel
(Dick)

Evelyn Lacy Owen

F. H. A. '45, '46
S. C. A. '46

Class Reporter '43, '44
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F. F. A. Reporter '46
Safety Patrolman
Associate Editor -
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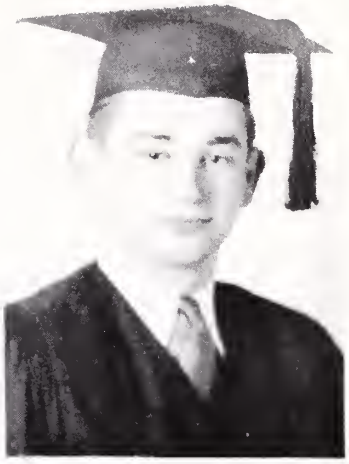

William Lacy Laughlin
(Myrt)

Herbert Lee Clark
(Lee)

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Drum Major '44 - '47
Basketball '43 - '47
Beta Club
Baseball '44 - '47
Volley Ball '45
Reporter Hub Federation
of F. F. A. '45

Drum and Bugle Corps
Color Squad '45, '46
Softball '45
4-H Club '43
S. C. A. '46

Bettie Mae Toler

Marion Gordon Bigger
(My)

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Volleyball '45
Drum and Bugle Corps '44 - '47
S. C. A. '46

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Vice President Beta Club
Vice President S. C. A.'45
Baseball '42 - '46
Basketball '43 - '47
Volley Ball '45

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(Susie Q)

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Captain Softball '44
Captain Volley Ball '45
F. H. A. '45 '46
S. C. A. '46
Safety Patrolman

Hub Federation Sentinal '46
F. F. A. Sentinel '43 '46
Baseball '43 - '46
Basketball '44 -'46
Volley Ball '45
S. C. A. Sgt.-at-Arms '46
Executive Committee F. F. A

Edward Lemache Bates, Jr.

Thelma Louise Evans

S. C. A. '46
F. H. A. '45, '46
Basketball '43 - '47
4-H Club Reporter '43
4-H Club Sec.-Treas. '44
4-H Club President '45
4-H Club Honor Reporter '46
Beta Club

Basketball '43 - '47
Secretary Beta Club
Drum and Bugle Corps '44 '45
Class Reporter '46
S. C. A. Song Leader '45 '46
Class Secretary '44
Volley Ball '45

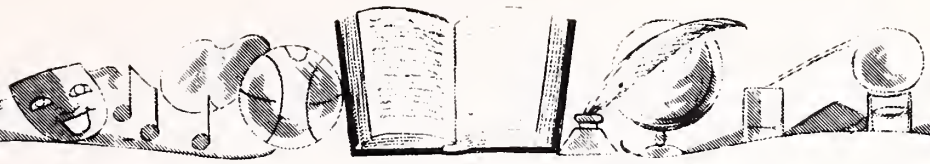
Vivian Ann Pollard
(Ann)

Mary Hilda Armistead
(Wooden)

F. H. A. President '46
Beta Club
S. C. A. '46
Drum and Bugle Corps '44
Safety Patrolman '46

Drum and Bugle Corps Color
Squad '45, '46
4-H Club '43
S. C. A. '46
Beta Club

Eunice Morgan Trent
(Curl)



CLASS HISTORY

To be a true historian one must of necessity deal merely with facts. As we unroll the scroll of the "History of Class of 1947 of Brookneal High School" these facts become memorable.

Chapter I has its setting in the first grade room of B.H.S. and the time is 1946. The teacher is Miss Louise Henderson. The ultimate goal is graduation. Of that group, Betty Ann Booker, Billy Guthrie, Lacy Laughlin, Edward Bates, Herbert Lee Clark, Pauline Ward, and Vivian Pollard have reached that goal tonight.

In Grade 2, Betty Mae Tolar's name was added to our roll. Our teacher then was Miss Alma McIvor.

Mrs. Pearl Foster was our teacher in the third grade, when Shirley Bigger joined our class. Herbert Lee withdrew from the class at this time to re-enter in the sixth grade.

Thelma Evans joined us in the fourth grade with Miss Irene Cardwell as our teacher.

In Grade 5, two more names were added to the list—Eunice Trent and Hilda Armistead. Miss Virginia North was our teacher.

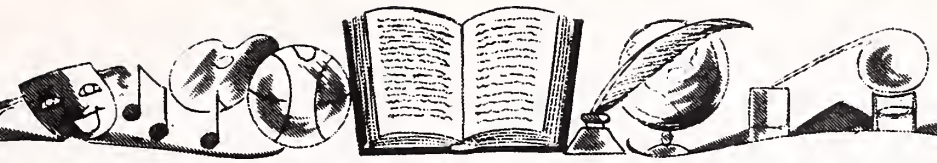
Miss Margaret Wilkerson and Mrs. Altha Mays taught us in the sixth grade.

Mrs. Lucy Barlow and Mrs. Elsie Payne Guthrie led us safely through Grade 7.

Chapter 8 of our history is entitled "Freshmen At Last". Ethel Straw and Evelyn Owen became members of our class at this time. With Mrs. Elsie Payne Guthrie as our home room teacher, we soon learned to exchange classes and assume an experienced appearance. This evidently helped us because the next year, the roll book was passed to the Sophomore Class.

Feeling not quite as important but much more sophisticated as Sophomores, we began another school year with Mrs. Earl Fox and Miss Mary Tune as our leaders.

Upon our arrival in the Junior Class, when Garland Clark and Jere Davidson joined us, our pride grew so that our class began to wish for badges befitting our station. Many messages were sent to



the "big" cities for samples of their fine jewelry and at last after much considering and re-considering, rings were purchased. The day that the rings arrived was a "red letter day" in our career. Mrs. Annie A. Strickler and Mrs. Dorothy Fore were our home room teachers. The greatest event during this year was perhaps the Junior-Senior Prom.

The last recorded chapter of our history--Chpater 11--has the topic "Senior Highlights." The High School faculty was as follows: Mr. R. G. Gardner, principal; Mrs. Dorothy Fore, home room teacher; Mrs. Myrtle Straw, Mrs. Celene Gardner, and Mrs. Elsie Payne Guthrie, Senior class sponsor. The election of class officers, the selection of the class motto, flower, and colors was one of the first objectives of the class. We selected as the sponsor of our class, Mrs. Guthrie, who has proved by her unfailing devotion and capable guidance to be our real friend.

Interesting events of our Senior Year included the "hit"--"Coon Creek Minstrel" in which such characters as Miss Cauliflower Jughead and Mr. Slim Eggnog have already gone down in history. A date in our history which shall always be remembered is March 21, 1947, at which time the Junior Class entertained the "privileged seniors" with a banquet and dance at the school.

"Juke Box", our Senior play, was presented in April. It was such a success that in our history, it was destined to compete with the Barter Players.

Pictures for our history book were transferred to one of our greatest accomplishments of the year--our annual "Memoriae Gratiae", which means "pleasant memories."

The closing paragraph of our history leaves the class as they have reached their first goal--graduation. Other volumes of the class history will be recorded as the members strive to attain their motto, "To the stars through difficulty".

Vivian Ann Pollard

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Progressive Farmer. . Jere Davidson
Popular . . . . . Hilda Armistead
Smart Set . . . . . Senior Class
True Detective. . . . Mrs. Gardner
Daily News. . . . . Lacy Laughlin
Farmer's Wife . . . . Pauline Ward
Redbook. . . . . Shirley Bigger
Charm. . . . . Nancy Roark
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Superman. . . . . Ed Bates
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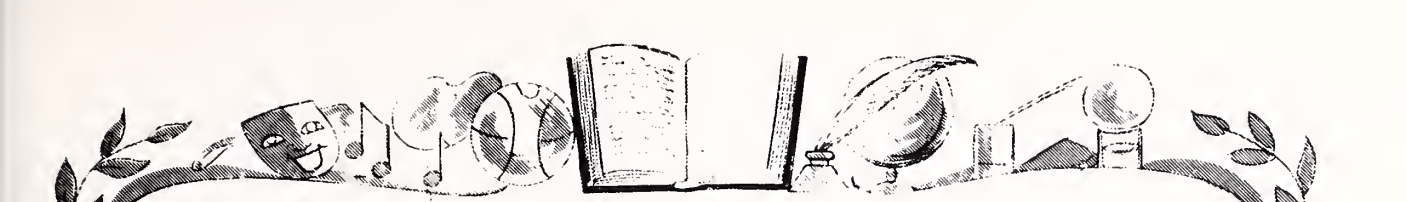


ROCKS AHEAD

CLASS PROPHECY

I have been asked to prophesy the future of the class of 1947, so as an astronomer beams his telescope into the skies beyond the atmosphere to delve into the unknown of the planets, I turn my eyes to the future to see what this group of seniors now leaving the Brookneal High School will be doing in 1960--just thirteen short years away. Just as the telescope is focused on a spot in the Heavens and all earthly things forgotten, so we peer into the future to 1960 and forget the present.

It is now 1960, and as the spring season is well upon us we return to Brookneal High School for the alumni dinner. Many strangers are present but it is the jolly group at the far end of the table that draws our attention. What a solid group they seem to be, almost pulling the center of attention away from the speakers of the evening. They are like the Rock of Gibralter, all appearing to have made a great contribution to the world, not all spectacular, but all praiseworthy. But wait, let us focus our eyes on this group more closely and see if we cannot pick out individuals and see just what each has done since he graduated from high school. I have understood that the entire senior class of 1947 is present in a body, and that as a group they represent all walks of life--or at least successful living. The mist over the table seems to be clearing and I can see clearly the individuals sitting there.

At the end of the table, sitting as the center of the group is the former class president, Billy Guthrie. He has been serving the United States in the diplomatic services--until recently was Ambassador to Russia. A few weeks ago he was recalled to Washington for a new appointment, the character of which has not yet been revealed, but which enabled Billy to return for this dinner for the first time in ten years, I believe.

On Billy's left sits the ex-vice-president, Betty Ann Booker. I understand that this seating arrangement was made intentionally by that group as it is the first time all the members of the class h ave been together since the night of their commencement exercises, and they are reliving that joyous year, 1947. Back to the guest, though. Betty Ann was named one of the ten best dressed women in the United States last year, but is better known for her designing of dresses in Hollywood.

Next to her sits the former secretary-treasurer, Shirley Bigger, who was only recently married to a doctor. She has been his nurse for the past year.

Next to the former president of the class is the class valedictorian, Ethel Straw. She was probably the brainest member of the class and has since then made very good use of her intelligence. She is now head of the Math department of Vassar College. She is properly addressed as Dr. Straw. Perhaps you read about her a short time ago as an exchange teacher with Jean Pierre Thomas from France, with whom she corresponded during high school. This was on a program for more unified education throughout the world.

Beside her sits Hilda Armistead, who chose a career in radio, and has been one of the few women ever to become a well-known announcer. I never would have believed that women would become nation-wide announcers, but it is an accepted fact that her services are much in demand. Perhaps television has been one thing to aid her as we enjoy listening to someone that is easy on the eyes.

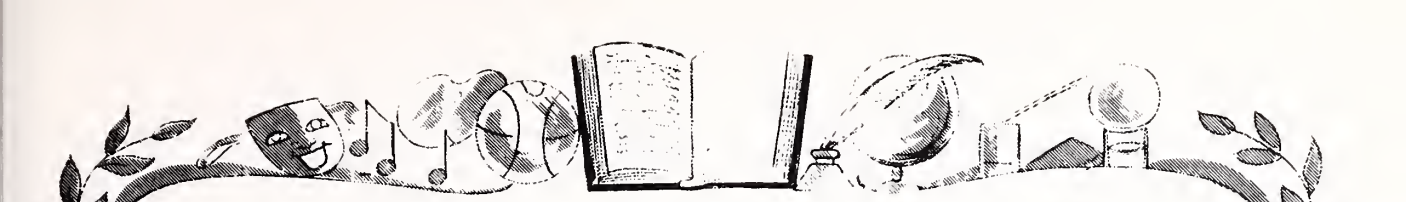
Oh, Look who is sitting on her right. No doubt those two ha ve much in common for it is none other than Carey Pillow who helped develop television for long distance radio transmission. As I recall he always did like to tinker with cars and bits of machinery when he was in high school.

Next there is the former salutatorian, Jere Davidson, who was an outstanding scholar in school and since then has proved to be a very capable scientist. He graduated from Columbia University school of chemistry and has since that time made quite a name for himself in the field of atomic power research, experimenting in its us as a medium in locomotion. His future looks even more promising than it did thirteen years ago, and he looks like a scientist with his quick movements and the addition of glasses.

Coming down this way I see next, Marion Bigger who was chosen Miss America for 1960. Maybe Marion hasn't done so well in the business world but she seems to be rather popular.

Sitting down the side of the table a little way is Thelmas Evans, a Powers Model. Her specialty is the modeling of fur coats. I also understand her hobby is the same as in 1947—trying on expensive engagement rings.

There is Ed Bates, a traveling salesman who stopped by for this dinner on his way to Daytona Beach, Florida, to be in the national



motorcycle races. Entering this race was always Ed's highest ambition.

Next to him is the former Vivian Pollard, who we are all familiar with as Lorna Drake, the retired Metropolitan soprano. Hers was a short, but satisfying career and she gave it up to become Perry Como's third wife.

And there is Bettie Mae Tolar, just as jolly as ever, who dances in the Bird House Cafe in Hollywood. Her latest dance specialty is called the "Bird House Polka".

Glancing around I see Lacy Laughlin who is a teacher in one of Philip Muarry's dancing schools. However, his newest dance hasn't been named yet. Lacy tells us that Pauline Ward, also one of the seniors in 1947, is the best student he has in any of his classes.

Even Roy Daniel, a Philadelphia lawyer, has time enough from his office to return for this reunion and to hunt some on his farm near Sugar Hill.

Attending always is Evelyn Owen who is the only one in this group to come back to her home twon to be an elementary school teacher.

Next, I see Garland Clark, a well-known agriculture instructor at V.P.I. He seems to be doing excellent work with the help of his wife, a Home Economics teacher.

On his right is sitting Eunice Trent who is doing secretarial work in West Virginia. She still says there is no definite reason why she wanted to work in that state.

Last, but not least, I see Herbert Lee Clark who was recently elected Speaker of the House. He holds the world's record for filibustering; he talked for 48 hours on one occasion. He hasn't changed since high school days.

Time is passing and the clouds are already beginning to cover the table; I can only mention that among that class are teachers, famous business executives, models, dress designers, nurses and an important cog in the Democratic party. The curtain of the future is closing and my vision is dimmed so I can no longer distinguish individuals at the reunion.

Shirley Bigger

BUILDING CHARACTER

VALEDICTORY

It is with mixed emotions that, on behalf of the class of 1947, I say to you, "Farewell." There is so much of gladness in the realization that we have at last successfully completed a task undertaken eleven years ago. This graduation night has not always presented itself clearly in the crystal ball; sometimes we despaired of the outcome. So, no doubt did our persevering teachers. Work we have done sometimes painfully, slowly, and perhaps even unwillingly. Robert Herrick says "If little labors, little are our gains, Man's fortunes are according to his pains."

So, on our graduation night, we begrudge not a single growing pain of all our years in school. We know that because the way was sometimes difficult, we have gained more strength than if it had always been easy. It is with a certain degree of sadness that we sever the associations and companionship of fellow classmates and the stimulating, watchful guidance of our dear teachers. Yet we would not roll back the calendar if we could. Too great is the challenge and too great is the joy of being alive, young, and healthy in 1947. We have so much to look forward to in the future. So that we may have a full and happy life let us remember the importance of building a good character. What is character? Character is not what people think a person is nor his reputation. One's distinguishing traits or characteristics are embodied in his character. Character is the heart and soul of an individual. One may have a bad character hiding inside a good reputation, as an ugly hand is hidden by a glove. A good character is important because it gives one strength and courage. This strength provides confidence to face all manner of difficulty. A good character affords a defense against the attacks of men and temptations of the world. A good character will always show, sooner or later, through even a bad reputation. A good character is the basis of a good life, therefore each and everyone of us should strive to build one.

Life is never worthwhile because of what we have but because of what we do and what we are. A person who shows himself to be honest and conducts himself properly is seldom thought of as bad. A good character includes these things, honesty and good conduct. When we build these characteristics we build a good reputation. The worth of one's character is seen in the influence on others.

Ethel Straw

LAST WILL

We, the Senior Class of Brookneal High School, County of Campbell, Falling River District, and state of Virginia, being of sound mind and memory do make, publish and declare this to be our last will and testament, hereby revoking all former wills by us at any time heretofore made.

We give back and return to our beloved teachers all the advice, information and reproofs which shall at the time of our departure from Brookneal High School be in, upon or about, our mind and memories, feeling that anything so freely and abundantly given away as said advice, information and reproofs of said teachers must be of value and not worth retaining in our minds and memories when we depart.

Shirley Bigger wills a printed page of basketball yells to June Foster so she will remember them even though some of the good players on the boys' team are graduating in this class. Made good of these, June, as yells are essential to all good players.

Hilda Armistead wills her love for the "Dons" to anyone who thinks they are as capable of doing as good a job as she has.

Since Thelma Evans has decided to give all her attention to one man, she leaves her love for the rest of the boys to Glennie Ruth Cunningham.

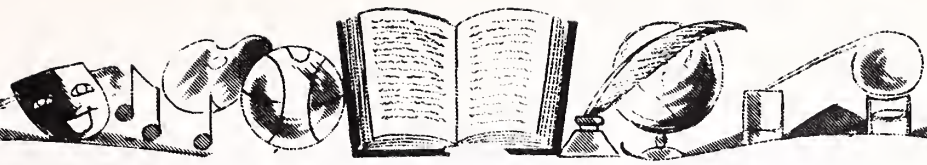
Vivian Pollard leaves her ability to sing to Virginia Evans. You have a lot of practicing to do, Virginia.

Since red heads wear pink so well, Betty Mae is willing her pink suit to Carolyn Holt.

To her kid sister, Pauline Ward leaves here jewelry since she likes it so well.

To Peggy Rose Anderson, Betty Ann Booker bequeths her office as Secretary of Student Body and also her secretary notebook so next year she won't have so much trouble getting up the news.

Since Nancy Roark has trouble trying to keep up with her glasses case, Marion Bigger is willing hers to Nancy in order for her to have an extra case.



Eunice Trent leaves to Captola Berkley her ability to "jitterbug". I hope you will do as well as Eunice, Captola.

Ed Bates leaves his "dare devil" stunts on a motorcycle to Franklin Foster. Only we hope Franklin won't try to cross the railroad tracks before he gets to the crossing.

To John Foster, Lacy Laughlin wills his ability to get along with teachers by bringing them sweets.

Jere Davidson leaves his good grades to A. P. Tucker, hoping that A. P. will get to be in the Beta Club his senior year.

Herbert Lee Clark wills the back corner seat on the bus, where he always sat going to basketball games, to Jimmy Straw. Jimmy, make good of this—Herbert Lee always did.

To Ben Lewis Ginther, Billy Guthrie leaves his ideas of an ideal girl, so that he won't have as much trouble finding his as Billy has.

Garland Clark wills to "Buddy" Jarvis, his quiet way with women.

Carey Pillow leaves his pleasant disposition and engaging grin to W. C. Henderson.

Roy Daniel leaves his love for teasing to Carrington Mason. Also his love for a good laugh.

Ethel Straw leaves her patent on that infectious giggle to Zann Woodson.

Evelyn Owen leaves her innocent expression to Reva Angel. Try practicing it, Reva.

To our sponsor, Mrs. Guthrie, we leave the profound admiration and ever enduring friendship of the class of 1947.

To Mrs. Fore, our home room teacher, we leave many quiet hours to repay her for the hectic ones she has had with us this year.

To next year's Freshman Class, we bequeath our good will and ability to persevere through all unfavorable circumstances.

Marion Bigger

Junior Class

Sophomore Class

Freshman Class

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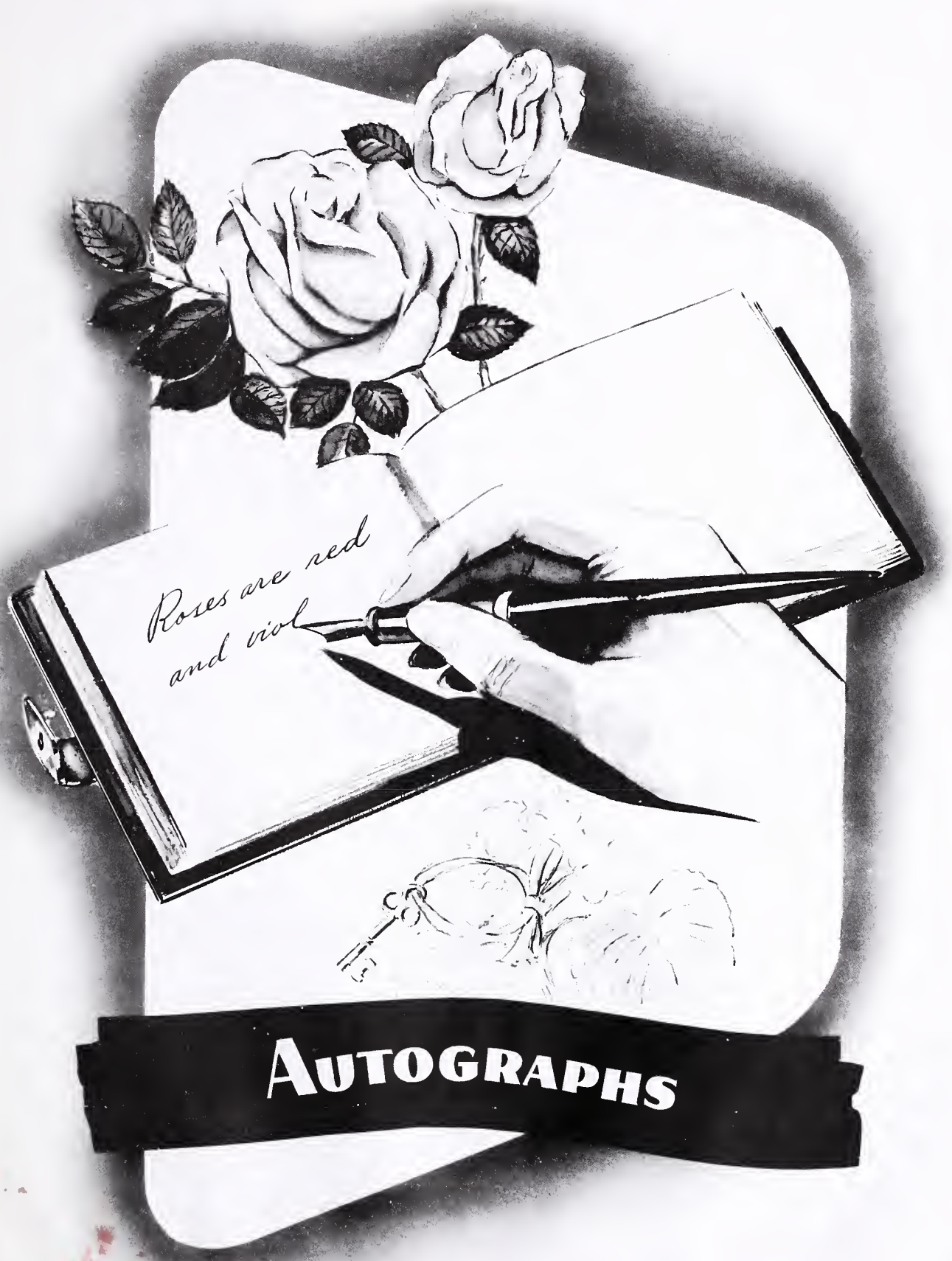
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